

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus for receiving a current job including image data and for processing the image data of the ~~received~~ current job so as to give the current job to an output device, the image processing apparatus comprising:

an image processor for performing a process defined by a parameter on the image data of the received job;

a decision portion for deciding a state of the image data of the ~~received~~ current job; and

a controller for setting a parameter for the ~~received~~ current job in accordance with the state that is decided by the decision portion if an interval between the ~~received~~ receipt of the current job and ~~the last~~ completion of an immediately preceding job is longer than a predetermined time[[,]] and for setting the parameter[[,]] that was used in the ~~last~~ immediately preceding job, for the ~~received~~ current job despite the state that is decided by the decision portion if the interval is not longer than the predetermined time.

2. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the decision portion decides whether the image data of the ~~received~~ current job are data within a predetermined color range.

3. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the image processor performs a color compression of the image data of the ~~received~~ current job in accordance with the set parameter.

4. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the decision portion performs the decision for the image data of all pages included in the ~~received~~ current job.

5. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the image processor performs the color compression of the image data of all pages included in the ~~received~~ current job in accordance with the set parameter when it is decided by the decision portion that image data of at least one page are out of the predetermined color range.

6. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a memory for memorizing a parameter set by the controller along with the control information thereof and a user interface for selecting operation of the parameter memorized in the memory, wherein the controller sets the selected parameter to the image processor when the selecting operation is performed by the user interface.

7. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the controller sets a specific parameter to the image processor when a predetermined time passed after the ~~end~~ completion of the current job.

8. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the specific parameter is a parameter that has the largest set frequency among the parameters memorized in the memory.

9. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined time is variable.

10. (Withdrawn) An image processing apparatus for receiving a job including image data and for processing the image data of the received job so as to give the job to anyone of plural output devices, the image processing apparatus comprising:

an image processor for performing a process defined by a parameter on the image data of the received job;

an interface for giving the image data processed by the image processor to anyone of the plural output devices;

a decision portion for deciding a state of the image data of the received job; and

a controller for setting a parameter in accordance with the state that is decided by the decision portion.

11. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the controller decides an interval between the received job and the last job when the received job and the last job use the same output device, sets a parameter for the received job in accordance with the state decided by the decision portion if the interval is longer than a predetermined time, and sets the parameter, that was used in the last job, for the received job despite the state that is

decided by the decision portion if the interval is not longer than the predetermined time.

12. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the decision portion decides whether the image data of the received job are data within a predetermined color range.

13. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the image processor performs a color compression of the image data of the received job in accordance with the set parameter.

14. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the image processing apparatus receives a job from anyone of the plural input devices, and the controller sets a parameter for the received job in accordance with the state decided by the decision portion if the received job and the last job have different input devices, while the controller sets the parameter, that was used in the last job, for the received job despite the state that is decided by the decision portion if the received job and the last job use the same input device, when the received job and the last job use the same output device.

15. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the controller decides an interval between the received job and the last job when the received job and the last job use the same input device and the same output device, sets a parameter in accordance with the state decided by the decision portion if the interval is longer than a predetermined time, and sets the parameter that was used in the last job despite the state that is decided by the

decision portion if the interval is not longer than the predetermined time.

16. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the decision portion decides whether the image data of the received job are data within a predetermined color range.

17. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the image processor performs a color compression of the image data of the received job in accordance with the set parameter.

18. (Currently Amended) An image processing method for performing a image process defined by a parameter on image data, the image processing method comprising the steps of:

receiving a current job including image data;

deciding a state of the image data of the received job;

setting a parameter in accordance with the state decided by the deciding step if the interval between the ~~received~~ receipt of the current job and ~~the last~~ completion of an immediately preceding job is longer than a predetermined time, while setting the parameter that was used in the last immediately preceding job ~~despite the state that is decided in the deciding step~~ if the interval is not longer than the predetermined time; and

performing an image process defined by a parameter on image data of the ~~received~~ current job.

19. (Currently Amended) The image processing method according to claim 18, wherein the deciding step includes the step of deciding whether image data of the ~~received~~ current job are data within a predetermined color range.

20. (Currently Amended) The image processing method according to claim 19, wherein the image process performing step includes the step of performing a color compression on image data of the ~~received~~ current job in accordance with the set parameter.